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Hudson-Raritan Estuary, Liberty State Park Jersey City, New Jersey Ecosystem Restoration Study

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The Hudson-Raritan Estuary, Liberty State Park (LSP) study area is located in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, on the western side of Upper New York Bay. The project area is approximately 234 acres of mostly undeveloped semi-degraded parkland within a fenced-off portion of LSP, formerly a rail yard. LSP has experienced severe habitat degradation due to past fill activities, which converted an estuary into an upland environment. In the absence of Federal action, it is anticipated that the study area ecosystem will remain in a degraded condition, with wetland areas dominated by invasive species. In addition, some areas that are currently of higher functional value are expected to degrade in the long term without significant management measures. Restoration alternatives under investigation include reintroduction of tidal wetland habitat, protection and enhancement of freshwater wetlands, and management of allied terrestrial buffer habitats.

AUTHORIZATION: Liberty State Park constitutes the first interim response to the Hudson-Raritan Estuary Environmental Restoration Study (HRE-Overall) being carried out under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' General Investigations Program. The study was authorized by a resolution of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, dated 15 April 1999, Docket 2596. The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey is the non-Federal sponsor for the HRE-Overall feasibility study. The State of New Jersey will be the sponsor for LSP construction.

STATUS: The draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for Liberty State Park was released August 2005. With HQ approval and Congressional authorization to implement the Recommended Plan, the LSP study will advance to the Pre-Construction Engineering and Design (PED) Phase, which includes Plans and Specifications. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the prospective non-Federal sponsor for project implementation. Contingent upon authorization and full funding, construction could begin at LSP in 2007.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Cost (65%)	\$20,800,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost (35%)	\$11,200,000
	Total \$32,000,000

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